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Subj: Sino-US Talks: PRC Request for January 8 Meeting

1. We assume that most probable reason for Lei Yang's request for meeting is to agree to resumption of formal Ambassadorial talks ~~meetings~~ and to either one of dates we have proposed or to propose alternative date. We concur your arrangements with Chinese (reftel paras 1-3) and you may accept any Chinese proposal for 135th meeting January 12 to end of February. We concur your paras 5, 7 but suggest you clarify with Chinese at meeting how you plan handle press. Re para 6, suggest you ask Lei whether Chinese Ambassador will be returning to Warsaw or if Chinese plan send Ambassador from other country, or whether Lei himself will speak for PRC. You should again reiterate our preference, for clarity, to

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shift from triple interpretation involved in use of Polish to English-Chinese interpreters.

2. If meeting follows anticipated course, in accepting date for next formal meeting, you should say that the President has authorized you to state:

a. The statements made by President Nixon and Secretary Rogers dealing with greater communication with the Peoples Republic of China are authoritative and serious and should be taken as such. The President underlined to you personally the importance he attaches to a greater dialogue with China during your visit with him here in Washington.

b. The President and U.S. Government are more concerned about the international conduct of other countries than about their domestic political system. Where a country wants to improve relations with us, we will reciprocate; anyone is free to pick up that option and will find us interested.

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c. The Chinese are a major and vital people. For this reason, we have no intentions of trying to isolate China. At some point down the road, Asia will need to move forward together and China should be involved.

d. The U.S. does not wish to live in a world of indefinite hostility. We look ~~forward~~ forward for ways to expand contacts with the people of China through exchanges of information and travel. The U.S. has already made clear through a number of actions in the last year that our purpose is not to stand in isolation from China.

e. The U.S. does not propose to take sides in Sino-Soviet differences or to join any condominium against China nor do we accept applicability ^{of} ~~to~~ the Brezhnev Doctrine. As the President already told other leaders in Asia, we will not participate in or encourage any Soviet sponsored security arrangement in Southeast Asia.

f. While realizing that major ideological differences will remain between us, we believe nevertheless that an]

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honest mutual effort to explore ~~XXX~~ State to State differences, without engaging in old ideological arguments, can be of benefit to both sides. It is for this reason that U.S. wishes to renew bilateral ~~discussions~~ discussions with PRC through Ambassadorial meetings. We will welcome Chinese flexibility and will respond to it. It is in this spirit ~~xx~~ that we look forward to our forthcoming meeting on (blank date).

3. If, contrary to assumption in para 1 above, Lei does not agree to subsequent meeting and declines to renew formal meetings, you should express strong U.S. regret, use guidance para 2 in ~~xxxxxx~~ above in underlining why U.S. had hoped for resumption of meetings and reiterate that basic U.S. position remains unchanged and that we remain prepared to renew discussions at any time in the future.

4. Further on press handling (para 1 above), we believe that if Chinese agree to specific date for 135th meeting, you should attempt obtain their concurrence ~~x~~ to making this information public.

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